

IN THE CLAIMS:

Substitute the following claims for the currently pending claims:

1. (currently amended) A cable duct device, comprising:
in a swellable packer (1) of the kind in which the packer (1) is adapted for sealing an annulus (3), characterized in that the swellable packer (1) is provided with ; and
at least one through-going opening (6) provided in the packer and adapted to constitute a duct for a cable or pipe (12).
2. (currently amended) Device The device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the through-going opening (6) encloses the cable (12) both prior to and after the swelling has occurred in the swellable packer (1).
3. (currently amended) Device The device according to one or more of the preceding claims claim 1, characterized in that wherein in its longitudinal extension the through-going opening (6) may have any configuration has a variable longitudinal extension.
4. (currently amended) Device The device according to one or more of the preceding claims claim 1, characterized in that wherein the cross-section of through-going opening (6) may have any configuration has a variable cross-section.

5. (currently amended) Device The device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the a cable or pipe {12} is situated on the an inside of the packer {1} within a longitudinal recess in the an outer shell of the a production tubing {2}.

6. (new) A cable duct device, comprising:
a swellable packer;
a slit extending at least partially laterally through a sidewall of the packer; and
a cable positioned in the packer proximate the slit.

7. (new) The device of claim 6, wherein the packer seals about the cable when the packer swells.

8. (new) The device of claim 6, wherein the packer is annular shaped and extends lengthwise in a longitudinal direction, wherein the slit extends longitudinally through the packer, and wherein the cable extends longitudinally through the slit.

9. (new) The device of claim 6, wherein the packer swells in response to contact with a swell-activating material in a well.

10. (new) The device of claim 6, wherein the slit intersects an opening extending longitudinally through the packer, and wherein the cable is positioned in the opening.